

Amendments to the Specification:

Amend the following paragraph of the application as follows:

[0001] This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/214,434, filed August 7, 2002, which is a continuation of International Patent Application Number PCT/GB01/00431, filed February 2, 2001, and claims foreign priority benefits from Great Britain Patent Application Number 0002635.1, filed February 7, 2000. The entire contents of the prior applications is incorporated herein by reference.

Insert the following underlined heading and three paragraphs after paragraph no. [0011]:

Brief Description of the Drawings

[0011.1] FIG. 1 depicts one example of a pet blanket according to the present invention.

[0011.2] FIG. 2 depicts the other side of the example pet blanket of FIG. 1 together with an example insert according to the present invention.

[0011.3] FIG. 3 depicts the insert of FIG. 2 partially placed within the pocket of the pet blanket.

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[0013] FIG. 1 depicts one example of a pet blanket according to the present invention. The upper layer 12 of the blanket, upon which the animal lies, is made of a permeable material, that is also preferably warm and comfortable for the animal. Example of suitable materials include, but are not limited to: wool, synthetic wool, fleece or fleece-type materials. The choice of a warm and comforting material will encourage the pet to lie and/or sleep on the pet blanket, and thereby be exposed to the anti-flea treatment.

[0014] FIG. 2 depicts the other side of the example pet blanket of FIG. 1 together with an example insert according to the present invention. The lower layer 14 of the blanket, which contacts the floor or basket upon which the blanket lies, is made from an impermeable material, that is preferably waterproof. Such materials might include, for example, plastic laminate or

plastic-coated materials such as cotton or nylon. While other appropriate materials will also be easily recognized by the person of skill, a preferred material is polyvinyl chloride (PVC)-coated nylon.

[0015] As previously indicated, the upper and lower layers of material are adapted such that together they form a closeable pocket 16. Preferably, the two layers of material will be attached at the full length of their perimeter, but for a portion thereof, such that an opening to the interior pocket is provided. The opening is provided with any appropriate closure, such as, for example, hooks or other fixing means. In addition, the opening is preferably of a dimension slightly smaller than that of the insert, such that the insert should be adapted to flex, in order to pass through the opening into the pocket. See FIG. 3.

[0016] With regard to the insert 18, which is preferably constructed to have the same dimensions as the interior of the closeable pocket, it is preferably formed of an absorbent or open-celled material, such that the insert provides a multitude of reservoirs for containing the anti-flea agent(s) within the insert. Suitable materials may include, but are not limited to, an open-cell foam or foam-like material, such as, for example, a polyurethane foam; or an absorbent matting, such as, for example, a natural cellulose or a synthetic polyester mesh.